

What is claimed is:

1. A method of providing a communication interface for coupling a point-of-sale (P. O. S.) system to a cash management system for providing communication between the P. O. S. system and the cash management system including providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link includes providing a graphical user interface on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include defining data formats for communicating information between the cash management system and the P.O.S. system.
4. The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include defining data formats for communicating information between the cash management system and the P.O.S. system.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a modem.

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6. The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing
5 software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a modem.

7. The method of claim 3 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of
10 the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a modem.

8. The method of claim 4 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a
15 communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a modem.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash
20 management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a wide-area network.

25 10. The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for
30 controlling the cash management system over a wide-area network.

11. The method of claim 3 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a

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communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a wide-area network.

5 12. The method of claim 4 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for
10 controlling the cash management system over a wide-area network.

 13. The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing
15 software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system.

 14. The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of
20 the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system.

 15. The method of claim 3 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a
25 communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system.

 16. The method of claim 4 wherein providing software on the cash
30 management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing

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software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system.

17. The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing setup functions on the cash management system.

18. The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing setup functions on the cash management system.

19. The method of claim 3 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing setup functions on the cash management system.

20. The method of claim 4 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing setup functions on the cash management system.